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I, J. Ezra Merkin, being duly sworn, state that I am a Defendant in the above-captioned action and the President of Defendant Gabriel Capital Corporation ("GCC"); I have read and know the contents of (1) Defendants J. Ezra Merkin And Gabriel Capital Corporation's Responses And Objections To Plaintiff's Second Set of Interrogatories, dated July 6, 2012 and (2) Defendants J. Ezra Merkin And Gabriel Capital Corporation's Supplemental Responses To Plaintiff's Second Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Admissions In Accordance With Decision # 3, dated August 30, 2013; and the Answers to Interrogatories, Supplemental Answers to Interrogatories, and Supplemental Response to Request for Admission contained therein are believed to be true to my own knowledge, information and belief. The grounds of my belief as to all matters not stated upon my own knowledge are as follows: review of GCC's books and records and conversations with employees of GCC.

J. FZRA MERKIN

Sworn to before me this day of February, 2015.

NEILA. STEINER Notary Public, State of New York No. 02ST6051028 Qualified in New York County

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